

HOUSE TOUR MAP

YWCA of Niagara Falls
6135 Culp Street

This lovely building was originally the home of Dr. H. G. Acres, founder of the engineering firm of the same name. Three additions were made to the rear of the house as he took it over for his growing business.

In 1955, this firm moved to a larger building and the home was bought by the YWCA. In 1973 extensive renovations were begun. During the redecorating an attempt was made to restore to the house much of its original charm. The fireplaces in the basement and lounge were re-discovered, and the bannisters of solid cherry and trim of solid walnut were refurbished. In 1975 the renovation project is nearing completion and the YWCA has reason to be proud of its home.

The YWCA of Niagara Falls would like to thank you for supporting its first House Tour. Proceeds from this tour will go to further our work in the community.

*46 different educational and recreational programs for men and women, boys and girls. Fees for all YWCA courses may be waived if payment is difficult.

* Numerous public service programs such as Youth Leadership Training, English Classes and Saturday Camps.

* Our two summer day camps - Minaki and Adventure - serving approximately 560 girls.

* A 26 bed residence for girls and women

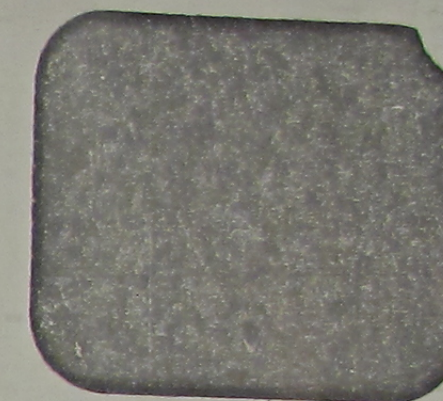
We feel that our work is valuable to the community and we greatly appreciate your assistance. We will look forward to seeing you at our Second Annual Tour in 1976.

Please do not smoke in any of these lovely homes.

NIAGARA FALLS

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HOUSE TOUR AND TEA



Saturday

September 13, 1975

1 - 5 p.m.

Refreshments
Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks
6135 Culp Street

You may visit homes and tea in any order

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TEA
10	11						

1. Mr & Mrs Reg Flagg
3011 Portage Road

"Whirlpool House" was one of the best known inns on the Portage Road. It was built about 1794 by Andrew Rorbach, a native of New Jersey, who settled in Stamford Village where he operated a store and saddlery business. From 1813-14, Mr. Rorbach was Adjutant of the 2nd Regt of Lincoln Militia and in 1837 he became Colonel in Command of the regiment. For nearly a century this building remained the centre of Stamford public and social life. There is a ballroom on the second floor and a bar downstairs. History was made within its walls.

2. Mrs Plummer Dennis
3369 Portage Road

Mrs Plummer Dennis, the present owner, came to the house as a bride in 1923. The house itself was built in 1805, with the south wall lined with brick between the studdings. In 1889 Francis Mewburn bought the home. He removed the kitchen and built the present one in which the coal bin door can still be seen. He also laid the cherry flooring in the dining room. Dr. Culverhouse, an optometrist, bought the property in 1911, changing the three tiny bedrooms at the back of the house into his office. After Mrs Dennis bought the house in 1923, some modernization was done. The ivy-covered dining room ceiling, the antique and modern furnishings and the lovely grounds add to this interesting and attractive old home, typical of the architecture of the early 1800's.

3. Mr & Mrs R. Brown
3360 St Patrick Avenue

This little gem was built before 1800 on clergy reserve land. The north side of the house was first erected as a log cabin. Note the wide window sills and low-beamed ceilings upstairs. Most of the wood is pine. All the construction

in the living room is pegged, not nailed. The built-in corner cupboard is made of blown glass. The entrance hall is "Wilderness Georgian". As Mrs Brown's background is English, the decor is that of an English cottage rather than featuring Canadiana.

4. Mrs E. E. McIntosh
3852 Rolling Acres Drive

"End of Search"

This home was built in 1960 by local architect, Don Chapman, as his personal dwelling. It has been occupied since 1967 by the McIntosh family. There is a blanding here of modern architecture with works of art from around the world. Mrs McIntosh has a fine collection of antique clocks including a "Regulator". The gardens allow Mrs McIntosh to express her own creativity with flower arranging in many fascinating types of containers.

5. Dr & Mrs N. Pohran ~~John Thomson's House~~
4891 Portage Road

The back of this lovely old stone house was erected in 1804. The main part of the house was built by John Thomson around 1825. The farm property then extended from Stanley St. to Drummond Rd. There have been many owners, including the J.A. Scott family, who farmed the adjacent land and lived there from 1942 until 1964. In 1954-55 the land was subdivided, being known as the Scott subdivision. The present owners have made a number of changes. They found a well, lined with white brick, in the kitchen and also a bake oven. When deepening the basement, human skeletons were found, probably associated with graves adjacent to the house. Some of the tombstones remain. It is said that at one time a tunnel extended from the house to the Niagara River. One lady who lived there said that a poltergeist was occasionally active.

6. Mr & Mrs T. C. Speedie
6322 Brookfield Avenue

The house was built in 1953 for Mr. O. Lindgren who lived in it until 1959 when it was purchased by its present owners. It is a ranch style house situated on a large lot on which there are 65 trees left to develop in their natural state. One feels the house to be a part of its natural setting. The house is a fine example of the modern home, ~~which blends well with the older pioneer and early Canadian home and is a bridge between the architecture and life styles of earlier days and our own times.~~ To the right of the entrance lies an exquisitely furnished living room in which one finds several articles of particular delight including a tapestry of finest needlepoint made by Mrs Speedie which is a copy of one of the treasures of the Louvre, enclosed in a gilt frame dated as early as 1853. It took two years to complete this work. The music room and halls offer an exquisite collection of tapestries. Collectors of Victoriana will delight in the recreation area.

7. Mr & Mrs G. Barr
6590 Dunn Street

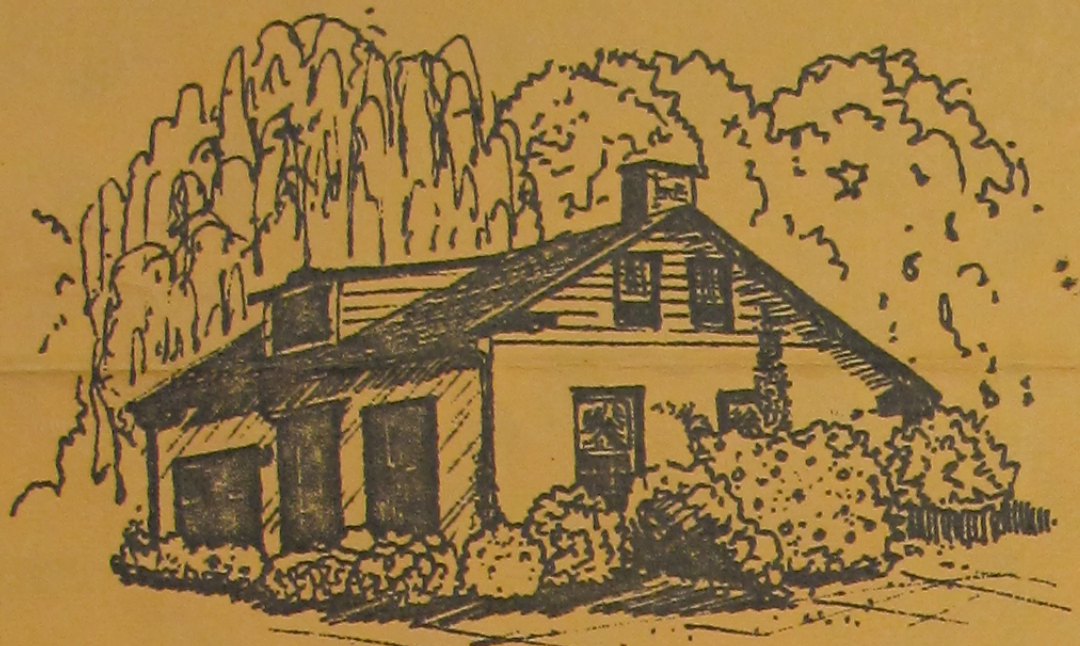
This house was built in 1834 by Mr. Henry Spence, a mason and farmer from England. Mr. Spence was noted for his fine brick work and did much construction in this area. The rear portion of the house was built in 1798 and was dragged by horses to where the main house was later erected. It became known as the Weaver House during the number of years that it was occupied by Mr and Mrs Herbert Weaver. The house was purchased by the present owners in 1974. This home will be of special interest to those who are personally involved with renovation work as some portions of the home are only partially restored and other parts are still in the planning stage.



3011 Portage Road



3369 St. Paul Avenue



3360 St. Patrick Avenue



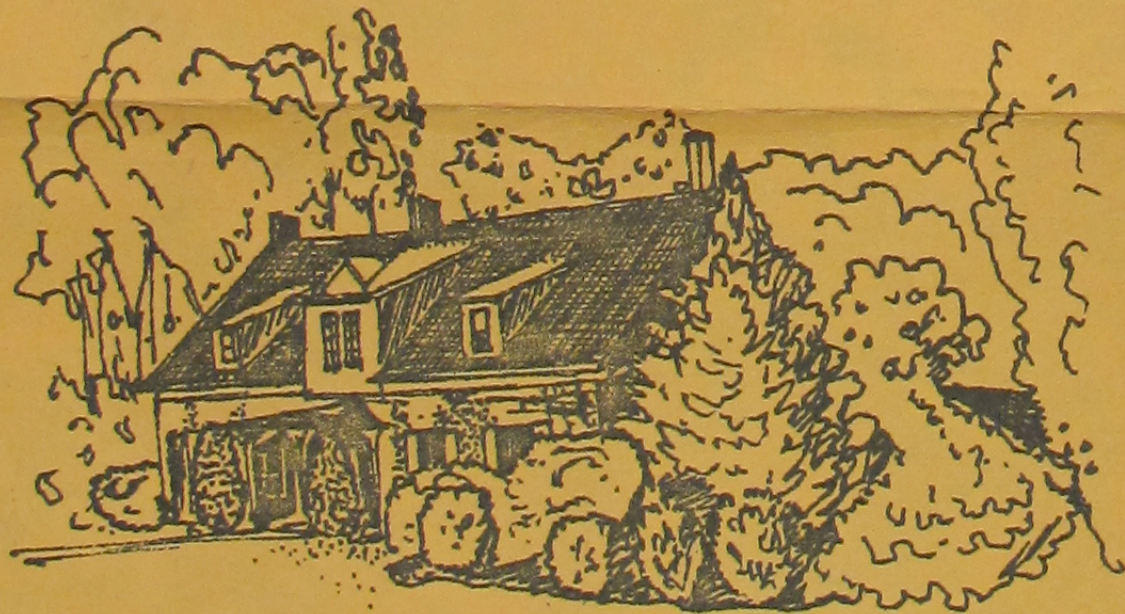
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YWCA SPECIAL HOMES' TOUR

SATURDAY SEPT. 13TH, 1-5 P.M.

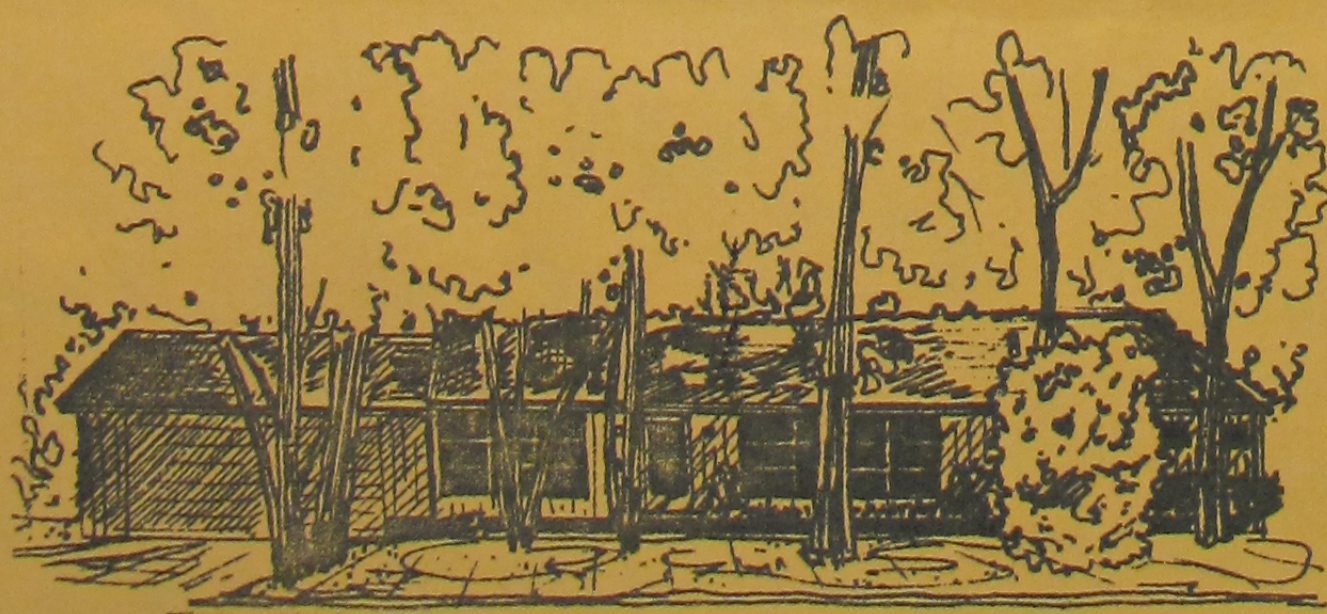
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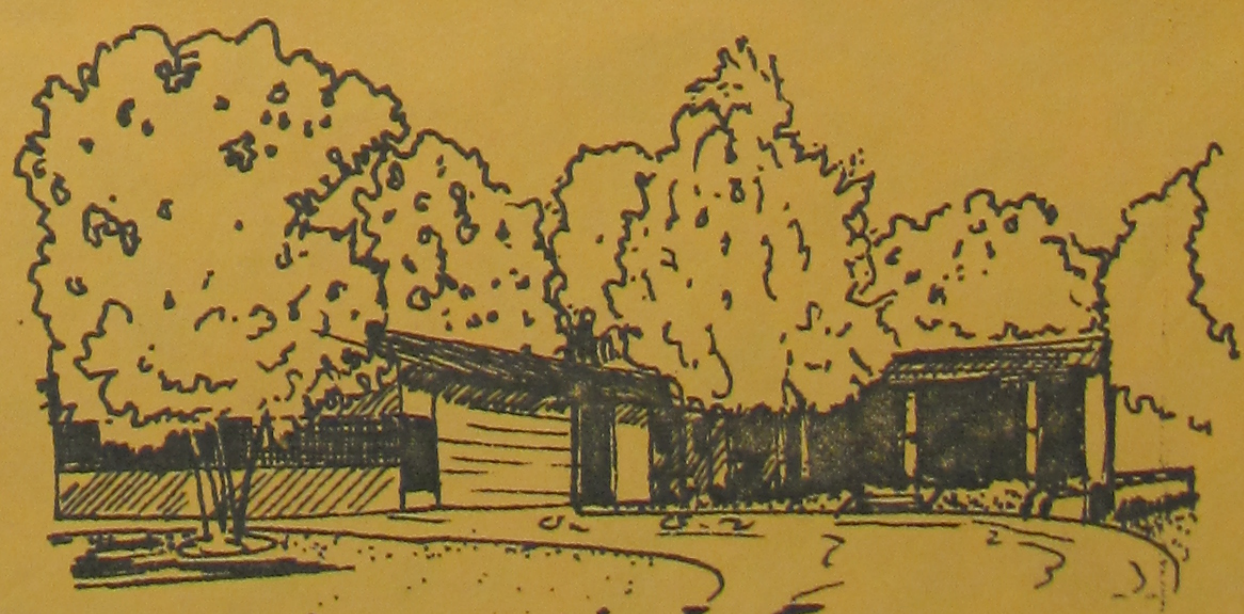
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TICKETS : \$3.00

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6322 Brookfield Avenue



3852 Rollingwood Avenue



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